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TRIED TO COMMIT SUICIDE

It turns out that there was another peculiar case Saturday in which a Chinese woman was concerned. The woman referred to is Ah Kiu, a well educated Chinese, the wife of Mon War, the Chinese clerk in Attorney Paul Neumann's office. Early Saturday morning she was found in her room near the corner of Nuuanu and Vineyard streets very close to death. She had tried to commit suicide by hanging. A mounted patrolman got to the house in time to save the woman's life. She is now at the home of her stepfather, Chong Mei Hing on Fort street, and the police are investigating the case as rapidly as possible. The woman is in a very dangerous condition. The story of Ah Kiu is substantially this. It was reported at police headquarters Friday morning that the woman was very sick. A captain of police was sent to the place. Ah Kiu consented to be removed to the hospital for treatment and got dressed while the captain waited. She was then taken to the father's house. The parents signified their willingness to the plan and the woman was removed to the hospital. She had not been there very long before Mon War put in an appearance and took the woman back to the house. On Saturday morning she tried to commit suicide. She says that her husband has been cruel to her. When Captain Holi tried to take her away from the house, Mon War did try to persuade her not to go but he was soon pushed aside.

Among the passengers in the Kinau for Maui and Hawaii ports this noon were the following: Mrs. J. A. Hassinger, A. B. Loebenstein, F. M. Wakefield, Col. Albert Whyte, Geo. Davis, A. Lindsay, Dr. Raymond, Sam Parker, J. T. Crawley, R. Ivers, Andrew Moore and C. G. Campbell.

THE BANNER PLANTATION

The three new pumps to serve the big irrigation ditch and reservoir on Spreckelsville will start up the 15th of May. Mr. Lowrie is treating large fields with fertilizers after his mode at Ewa, which brought forth record yields and there is some splendid cane maturing. There is no doubt that in a little while, and for a little while, the old H. C. & S. Co. will displace any other plantation in the islands for amount of production.

THE OLAA LANDS.

Probably but One Plantation and Public Have Chance at Stock.

Mr. Thurston says there was no meeting of the Olaa plantation promoters yesterday. There are a thousand and one details to be completed. So many landholders have to be negotiated with, it will take time to transact all the preliminaries.

It is admitted by Mr. Thurston that there is a question as to whether there will be one or two plantations organized out of the Olaa lands. However, it might be taken as practically decided that there would be only one plantation.

Although applications for shares cover the capital stock over and over, it is intended to offer a large block for public subscription. The allotment would be made pro rata to individual subscribers.

J. L. Notley of Olaa has sold his coffee plantation of 200 acres for \$18,000 to the Olaa Sugar Plantation. Mr. Notley will soon leave the district.

E. D. Baldwin and W. A. Hardy have spent a portion of the week in the new Olaa section appraising the lands soon to be put on the market by the government.

Captain Fitzgerald, who bought the Borden land at Kaumana recently, has sold the same to Mr. Bashaw for \$4000.

WHITE LABOR PROPOSITION

Colonel Whyte Submits His Plan to Planters' Association.

California Colonists on Ewa Plantation Will Give Testimony—Colonel Whyte Soon Goes on Mission.

Colonel Albert Whyte, promoter of the Hilo Railroad Company, left in the Kinau for the scene of operations. He goes to look after some preliminary details. After he returns from Hawaii, Colonel Whyte will leave immediately for the Northwest in the interest of his American labor proposition.

This morning Colonel Whyte delivered to C. Bolte, secretary of the Hawaiian Sugar Planters' Association, the plan of action in this matter. As stated in the BULLETIN last week, this includes a form of agreement to be submitted to the men desired to be enlisted. Details are for the present confidential. They may be given out after submission to the trustees of the Association.

Colonel Whyte will take away with him on his mission letters from members of the California colony installed on Ewa plantation by Mr. Lowrie shortly before he removed to Spreckelsville. These letters will describe the experiences of the colonists and state their views upon the experiment as affecting themselves.

In conversation with a BULLETIN reporter before leaving for Hilo, Colonel Whyte spoke in substance as follows:

"Hawaii stands in a better position for labor than any State or Territory on the mainland. The twenty-five hundred miles of water intervening between here and there makes rather bad walking. This fact will go far toward eliminating the tramp element.

"The danger at present is from the quieting down of the labor scare by the Government's retracting of its refusal to grant permission for further supplies of Japanese contract labor. This respite is liable to cause a lull of interest in the movement to procure white labor from the Coast.

"In my opinion, this easing down of the situation ought to be taken as the opportunity for the work in the interest of American labor. Otherwise, when the change of system does come, the planters will be just as badly prepared for it as they were when the Government the other day announced its policy since abandoned.

"These islands may obtain good material for citizenship in a labor supply from the Coast, for the reason I have given. I tell you, I saw a Chinese camp on Maui for which I should not become responsible for all the sugar stock in the Hawaiian Islands. The Asiatic dregs!"

Same Old Grievance.

The Road Supervisor, instead of sending a construction gang in the wake of the pipe layers of the Superintendent of Water Works, only sent the steam roller. In consequence the streets in question, from being among the cleanest and smoothest driving in the city, are now among the dirtiest and roughest—dusty in dry, muddy in wet weather, and with awful ruts at the crossings. It is the same evil that has existed from time immemorial in much greater cities, one branch of public service tearing up the expensive work of another, and proper repairs awaiting some indefinite time in the future.

Chinamen and others are being roped in at the Police Station for non-payment of taxes. It is a rather peculiar fact with many Chinese that they neglect to pay their taxes and then when they are arrested and confined at the Police Station, it does not take long for some friends to present themselves and pay the required amount.

PRESIDENT DOLE TO THE PLANTERS

President Dole kindly permits the publication of the text of his letter to the plantations on the matter of labor. It appears below. The despatches on which information is sought are those occurring the first three months of this year:

"Since the meeting of a committee of the Sugar Planters' Association with the Executive Council on the 17th inst., the President has received advices from the American Government which justify a change of the contemplated policy of the Hawaiian Government in regard to labor immigration.

"All applications for labor immigration permits filed before the end of this month, accompanied with the additional statements as heretofore requested in regard to despatches and number and nationalities of employees, as of the 31st day of March last, will be considered.

"A further statement is also requested with such applications, showing any contemplated extension of present area of land devoted to sugar cultivation, and other particulars which deal with the actual necessities for the applications presented."

Case of Salvador.

The case of Salvador, a Spaniard, charged with assault with a deadly weapon on Moses Kahalehili during the early morning of April 1, came up for trial in the Police Court this morning after a delay of nearly a month, made necessary by the detention in the hospital of the native who was the victim of the assailant's knife.

Salvador stated that he was too drunk at the time of the assault to know if he committed it or not. The native went on the witness stand and testified to the assault. The sweater and the undershirt through which the knife had passed, were offered as evidence. Then the chest of the witness was bared at the request of the prosecution and the wound, an ugly gash across the breast bone, was shown.

Judge Wilcox sentenced Salvador to six months' imprisonment at hard labor, saying that he would have made the term longer but for the fact that he had already been imprisoned for about a month. Drunkenness was no excuse for the use of a knife.

The Orpheum License.

Judge Perry has signed a decree in the matter of the petition of Chas. S. Desky for a writ of mandamus to compel the Minister of the Interior to issue a license for the Orpheum theatre. The petition is dismissed, and the alternative writ dissolved. Mr. Desky has the way open now to appeal to the Supreme Court. His demand is for a license to the end of the year for the fee of five dollars claimed by the Minister for a single performance. He holds that the tax imposed is excessive and therefore unconstitutional.

ANOTHER HORSE RACE.

Another race is on the tapis for Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Jim Quinn's Violin and Wm Norton's Directress are the horses; \$400 the purse. The outcome of last Saturday's race was by no means satisfactory to either of the horse owners and they have decided to try it again, with the prospect that the public will witness one of the greatest horse races seen on the Kapiolani park track. Quinn feels that the public has been harsh in its criticism of last Saturday's race, but it will take a good deal of criticism for him to lose any confidence in his horse.

W. O. Smith leaves for Lahaina in the Claudine this afternoon.

The Helene is expected in from Hawaii ports tomorrow morning with a full cargo of sugar.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Woods left for their home in Waimea by the Kinau this noon.

A surprise party was given Mrs. Craig in Pensacola street last night by a few of her intimate friends. It proved a very pleasant event. The occasion was the intended departure of Mrs. Craig in the Moana on a visit of three months to her old home in Canada.

Hit with a Belaying Pin.

The second mate of the Fresno presented himself at the police station this forenoon with the intention of swearing out a warrant for the arrest of the first mate on the charge of assault and battery. The poor fellow was covered from head to foot with blood that flowed from a deep wound on his head, caused, as he stated, by a belaying pin in the hands of the first mate. The two had gotten into trouble about a little matter.

While the man was awaiting for the warrant to be fixed up, the captain appeared and told him to be present at the consul's office at 1 o'clock. Then the captain and man went outside. Deputy Marshal Chillingworth sent an officer after the sailor who, when he appeared again, was of a different mind, stating simply that he did not care to make any fuss and also that the captain had promised to pay him off and free him from the ship. That was all he desired.

Profit Sharing on Spreckelsville.

Manager W. J. Lowrie has now eleven companies of Japanese working each a field of cane on Spreckelsville plantation upon the profit-sharing system. He allowed three Japanese all the time they required to go to Ewa to look into the system. When the delegates returned they took up the system eagerly with the result stated. Mr. Lowrie is ready to give the same privilege to laborers of any other nationality.

The Molokaa Scheme.

It is authoritatively stated that the Molokaa plantation scheme, Kauai, will not mature for some months to come. Even the promoters cannot know much about the proposition until they receive a report from M. D. Monsarrat, surveyor, who is now engaged in prospecting surveys. Then there will be a host of leaseholders with whom to treat.

Road Contract Awarded.

The contract for the second section of the Olaa road has been awarded to J. E. Gamalielson at \$7524. Other bidders were N. K. Lyman, J. D. Supa, H. Eldarts, J. P. Amaral and Sam Kumukau, their bids ranging from \$7761 to \$12,500.

Looking After Water.

The Superintendent of Water Works has been requested to report on a proposition made by John Ena, in regard to water rights and a reservoir site in Maunaloa valley. Also, on water rights in Pauoa valley now in the market.

Beach Boulevard Named.

What has been called the beach boulevard—the new shore road to Waikiki—has been named by the Executive as "Ala Moana."

Mr. Starkey Appointed.

Thos. M. Starkey has been appointed a member of the Board of Immigration. There is another seat yet to be filled on the Board.

SCHOONER FROM SAN DIEGO

Has Crew of Eight Men and Tonnage of Sixty-eight.

Comes Consigned to H. Waterhouse & Co.—Has Cargo of Fertilizer, Salt, Dry Fish, Etc.—Captain a Portuguese.

There arrived in port at about 10 a. m. today the trim little American schooner T. S. Negus, Frank J. Manha master, from San Diego, Cal., with a cargo of about sixty-five tons of fertilizer, salt, etc. She cleared from the port above mentioned on the 4th inst. but did not sail until two days later. A fine trip was the experience of the vessel. She is consigned to Henry Waterhouse & Co. The Negus is now anchored in the stream near the light-house.

The little schooner was at one time a pilot boat doing duty on the Pacific Coast. She had the same name when bought by the present captain and his brother during the Klondike boom. The Negus was counted one of the smartest vessels of her kind. She is built very much like a yacht and is a beauty throughout. There have of course been a great many changes in the interior of the vessel in order to make her a paying investment by carrying freight between Southern California ports and San Diego. The price paid for her was \$3300.

The captain stated that he believed this trip of the Negus to Honolulu would be a losing proposition for his brother and himself. He only gets \$4 per ton for the freight she has aboard and as there are but 67 tons aboard, the whole cargo stands the owners in about \$282.

The Negus cleared from San Diego with nine men but one deserted just before leaving. This is an unnecessarily large crew for such a small vessel, her tonnage being but 68. To what use all these fellows could have been put is hard to see. The oldest man aboard is a gray bearded fellow who is down on the ships papers as being but 42 years of age. The others are all able bodied men from 32 to 45.

Captain Manha is a Portuguese. In speaking about his countrymen on these Islands he asked if it was possible for him to get freight enough to make it pay for him to trade between these Islands, which would go to show that there was some intention on his part of making Hawaii lei his home.

At the Orpheum.

There was an excellent attendance at the Orpheum last night. The various artists did their work well. Miss Myrtle Graham captured the house when she sang her favorite Italian song. She had already appeared three times but the audience demanded a fourth appearance. Jim Post was as full of life and fun as ever, calling forth laughter and applause. Miss Violet Dale in her dancing act was better than usual. Included in her act was a bit of gymnastic work that surprised the audience.

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